Indian Air Crashes

4927. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the list of Indian Air crashes published in the Financial Express of 27th March, 1994;

(b) if so, the financial loss suffered by Government and the individual airlines in these accidents and the corrective steps taken: and

(c) the amount of relief provided to those affected ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Losses suffered on account of damage to aircraft and compensation paid for loss of life and injuries to passengers are recovered fully from the insurance companies and as such no net loss is incurred by the Government or individual airlines on this account. Appropriate steps are taken to prevent occurrence of accidents by implementation of the recommendations made in accident investigation reports, monitoring of flight recorders, observance of let-down procedures, monitoring of critical operational areas, dissemination of safety information, periodic inspection of aerodromes and implementation of measures for eradication of bird menace etc.

(c) Compensation is paid at the rate of Rupees five lakhs in respect of each deceased passenger (whose carriage by air is not international) who is 12 years or more of age on the date of the accident and Rupees 2.50 lakhs if the deceased passenger is below 12 years of age. For injuries compensation is paid at the rate of Rs. 500 per day during the period of treatment subject to maximum Rs. One Lakh

Incidents of clashes between armed forces and police forces

4928. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the growing incidents of clashes and physical assaults taking place in different cities between the personnel of armed forces and police forces;

(b) if so, the brief details of such incidents reported to Government during the last three years, alongwith their places; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to prevent to such incidents in future

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Service personnel normally live in complete harmony with the Civil population. The details of incidents of clashes involving the personnel of the Armed Forces and the Police Forces during the last three years are given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(c) Army authorities maintain regular liaison with the civil authorities to ensure harmonous relations between the Army personnel and the police personnel. Whenever any dispute takes place, appropriate corrective measures are taken in co-operation with the Civil authorities.